GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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DUTY HOUR OF RAILWAY ENGINE DRIVERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the duty-hours of railway engine drivers perform in the long-distance trains;

(b) the pay structure of all these drivers and the special allowances are paid to them;

(c) whether regular medical check-up is done for the engine drivers before commencing duty in long distance trains; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): The duty hours of drivers are regulated in accordance with the provisions contained in Chapter 14 of the Railways Act, 1989.The drivers are classified as continuous and they are statutorily required to work for 54 hours per week but they are rostered for 52 hours per week keeping in view crew links. Norms provide for working by the crew beyond prescribed limits in exigencies of accidents, floods, agitation, failure of equipments etc.

(b): Pay scales of Loco Running Staff are detailed as under :-

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Second Fireman                Rs.  2750-70-3800-75-4400
Sr. Second Fireman                              Rs.3050-75-3950-80-4590
First Fireman/ Diesel/Electrical Assistant                Rs.3050-75-3950-80-4590
Sr. Fireman I/Sr. Diesel Asstt./Sr. Elect. Asstt.  Rs.4000-100-6000
Shunter                              Rs. 4000-100-6000
Sr. Shunter                           Rs. 5000-150-8000
Goods Driver                                    Rs. 5000-150-8000
Sr. Goods Driver                                 Rs. 5500-175-9000
Passenger Driver/ Motorman         Rs.  5500-175-9000


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Sr. Passenger Driver/ Sr. Motorman     Rs.  6000-190-9800


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Superfast Trains)
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Regarding the special allowances payable to the Drivers, for the performance of duty directly connected with the charge of moving trains, they are allowed running and other allowances. Also, a specified percentage of their basic pay is treated to be in the nature of pay, for the specified purposes.

(c) & (d): Periodical Medical Checkups of all the drivers are conducted as per laid down schedule.On special occasions as per need and at the time of reporting for duty after sickness, the medical examination is done. However, no medical examination is conducted for commencing duty in long distance trains on every trip.